'what then will you be the better for my 'death? The youth's heart relented, and he 'chearfully set the simple grasshopper at li- 'berty. You, great king, have now that inno- 'cent creature before you, there is nothing 'I can pretend to but my voice, which I have 'ever employed, as far as my abilities would 'suffer me, in the service of mankind.'

Crœsus was so moved with *Æsop*'s modesty and prudence, that he not only gave him his life, but promised to grant him any other reasonable request. When *Æsop* replied, 'Suffer 'me, with the utmost veneration, gratitude and 'respect, humbly to implore your majesty's 'favour for my countrymen the *Samians*.' The generosity of this petition highly pleased the king, who readily granted his request, and admiring him for his wisdom and virtue, treated him with the greatest kindness. *Æsop*, however, soon after returned to *Samos*, with the news of peace, where he was welcomed by all possible testimonies of joy and gratitude; and the *Samians* even erected a statue to his honour.

Æsop afterwards returned to *Crœsus*, for whose sake he composed many of the fables that have in his name been handed down to posterity.

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